not consider it necessary to subsidize or control it again. If the position is so bad as to necessitate the Government selling firewood they will do so."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"There is no question of subsidizing because Government had made a profit of Rs. 30,000. Will the Government in the interests of the public take up the sale now?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"Certainly; it involves a change in policy which the Government will have to consider."

Steps taken for the free flow of water under the Tungabhadra Project.

* 58 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what action, if any, is proposed to be taken regarding the Tungabhadra Project so that when the waters flow in the canals they may be utilized for purposes of cultivation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Steps are being taken to ensure that the water available is put to the best advantage. A special staff consisting of Revenue, Agricultural and Public Works Department Officers has been sanctioned for the purpose of localization of the ayacut under the low-level canal."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Have the Government perused and come to conclusions the reports of Mr. Raghavan who wrote the special report on the Tungabadra Project?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"The Government have not come to any conclusion on it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Will the Government consider the desirability of consulting the people affected by this project before they come to the conclusion on the intricate points e.g., it is proposed to charge some rate called the inclusion fees; Will they also consider the desirability of consulting public opinion Sir?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"We shall certainly consult the hon. Members of the Legislature, Sir."

Representations to Ceylon by the Government of India.

* 59 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of Madras were consulted on the various Bills affecting Indians in Ceylon before the Government of India made representations to Ceylon ; and

(*b*) whether they would place their views on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"(*a*) No.

"(*b*) The question does not arise."